



Welcome to Alderbury & West Grimstead Church of England Primary School



Welcome from Mrs Woolf - Headteacher

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We are a caring and inclusive school where every child is valued and encouraged to flourish. Our Christian values and our 'foundations for life' vision underpin all that we do, creating a strong sense of community and belonging.

We are proud to offer a rich and engaging curriculum that inspires a love of learning, alongside a wide range of opportunities that support children's personal development.

Our dedicated staff work closely with families to ensure every child feels supported, challenged and happy.

We hope this prospectus and our 'Daily Life' video give you a sense of what makes our school so special. We would be delighted to welcome you to visit us and see our school in action.

Mrs Emily Woolf
Headteacher



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Vision, Values & Ethos

At Alderbury and West Grimstead Church of England Primary School, our vision is "Foundations for Life." Inspired by the parable of the wise and foolish builders, we believe that strong foundations enable children to grow, flourish and thrive. Our vision is rooted in Christian faith and the example of Jesus, guiding all that we do.

We focus on developing every child in four key areas:

- Learning – nurturing independence, resilience, curiosity and reflection
- Individuals – encouraging confidence, respect and freedom of thought
- Friendship – building a caring, supportive and inclusive community
- Environment – fostering responsibility for the world around us

Our core values of Kindness, Justice and Respect underpin daily life in school. Kindness shapes how we treat one another, justice guides fairness and standing up for what is right and respect ensures we value ourselves and others.

Together, our vision and values create a nurturing and purposeful environment where every child is supported to succeed, develop strong character and grow into thoughtful, responsible members of the community.



About our school

Alderbury and West Grimstead Church of England Primary School is a welcoming, inclusive village school located between the villages of Alderbury and West Grimstead, close to Salisbury in Wiltshire.

We are proud to serve our local community and to provide a caring environment where children feel safe, valued and supported.

We benefit from small class sizes, allowing staff to know every child well and tailor learning to their individual needs. This enables us to provide high-quality teaching, strong pastoral care and plenty of opportunities for each child to thrive.

We offer a broad and engaging curriculum that inspires curiosity, creativity and a love of learning.

Our dedicated staff work closely with pupils to help them develop the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to succeed.

We place great importance on nurturing the whole child. Through our Christian ethos and core values, we encourage kindness, respect and justice, helping children build positive relationships and develop strong character.

Working in close partnership with families and the wider community, we aim to ensure every child leaves us confident, capable and ready for the next stage of their journey.





Our Curriculum

At Alderbury and West Grimstead Church of England Primary School, our curriculum is designed to inspire curiosity, encourage enquiry and develop a lifelong love of learning. We aim to equip children with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to thrive both in school and beyond, helping them become independent, resilient and reflective learners.

Our curriculum goes beyond traditional subject boundaries. We focus on “states of being”, supporting children to develop as thinkers, explorers, collaborators and communicators, alongside their academic learning. This approach helps pupils understand not just what they are learning, but how and why they learn, encouraging deeper thinking and greater engagement.

We utilise the Curious City Curriculum to bring learning to life through meaningful, creative and connected experiences. This approach encourages children to ask questions, make links between different areas of learning and explore the world around them in exciting and purposeful ways. Through carefully planned themes, pupils develop knowledge and skills across a broad and balanced curriculum.



Daily Life in School

Each day at Alderbury and West Grimstead Church of England Primary School is carefully structured to provide a calm, purposeful and engaging learning environment where children feel secure and ready to learn.

The school day begins with our Breakfast Club from 7:30am, offering a safe and welcoming start to the day. This provides children with the opportunity to enjoy breakfast and social time before lessons begin.

Pupils are welcomed into school from 8:45am, where they settle quickly into their learning and begin their day with focus and enthusiasm.

Teaching time is carefully planned to ensure a rich and balanced curriculum, with opportunities for both academic learning and wider personal development.

Children enjoy a break time at 10:30am, where they take a short 15-minute pause to play, socialise and recharge before continuing their learning.

Lunchtime runs from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, giving pupils time to eat, relax and enjoy the outdoor environment with their friends. This is an important part of the day where children can unwind and build positive relationships.

Learning continues in the afternoon, with lessons designed to engage, challenge and inspire. The school day ends at 3:15pm, when children are collected after a full and rewarding day of learning and experiences.

Throughout the day, our routines provide structure and consistency, while also allowing space for creativity, collaboration and exploration. We aim to ensure that every child enjoys a positive and enriching daily experience in school.

Admissions & Starting School

We warmly welcome new families to Alderbury and West Grimstead Church of England Primary School, whether your child is starting in Reception or joining us as an in-year transfer.

For children starting in Reception, we work closely with families to ensure a smooth and positive transition into school life. At the end of the summer term, we invite new parents and carers into school to meet staff, learn more about our community and hear about plans for September. This provides an opportunity to ask questions and begin building strong relationships with the school.

We carefully plan a gradual introduction for our Reception children, helping them to settle in confidently, build friendships and become familiar with routines in a supportive and nurturing environment.

For in-year transfers, we aim to make the process as straightforward and welcoming as possible. We provide opportunities for children and parents to visit the school, meet staff and become familiar with their new setting before starting. We support each child individually to help them settle quickly, feel comfortable and thrive in their new class.

Our priority is that every child feels happy, secure and ready to learn from the moment they join our school community.

Pastoral/SEND Support

At Alderbury and West Grimstead Church of England Primary School, we prioritise children's emotional wellbeing alongside their learning, ensuring every child feels safe, valued and supported to thrive.

We have two Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSA) trained members of staff, who provide targeted support to help children build confidence, manage emotions and develop positive relationships.

We are also proud to have two school therapy dogs, Koko and Bear, who offer comfort and a calming presence across the school.

Our SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) works closely with teachers, parents and external professionals to ensure that pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) receive the right support for their individual needs.

Through tailored interventions, adaptations and careful planning, we ensure that children can access learning and make progress.

Together, our pastoral and SEND provision helps create a caring and inclusive environment where all children feel confident, supported and ready to learn.



Enrichment

We offer a rich programme of enrichment opportunities that enhance and extend children's learning beyond the classroom.

Pupils take part in a wide range of sports tournaments, helping them to develop teamwork, resilience and a love of being active.

Creativity is also a key focus, with regular opportunities for drama and a whole-school production that brings the community together and allows children to perform and shine.

Music plays an important role in school life, supported by our enthusiastic Lead Musician, who ensures pupils experience a variety of musical opportunities to develop their skills, confidence and enjoyment of performing.

Frequently Asked Questions

What age can my child start school?

Children typically join us in Reception in the September following their fourth birthday. We also welcome children joining us through in-year admissions.

How do I apply for a place?

Applications for school places are made through the local authority. Please contact the school office if you would like support or more information about the process.

Do you offer visits to the school?

Yes, we warmly welcome prospective parents and children to visit. This gives you the opportunity to meet staff, see the school in action and learn more about what we offer.

How do you support children when they start school?

We carefully plan a gradual introduction, helping children settle in, build relationships and become familiar with routines in a supportive and nurturing environment.

Do you offer wraparound care?

Yes, we provide a Breakfast Club from 7:30am, giving children a safe and welcoming start to the day. After school club is offered by Alderbury Pre-School next door.

What are your school hours?

The school day runs from 8:45am to 3:15pm, with a morning break at 10:30am and lunchtime from 12:00pm to 1:00pm.



Contact Us

We'd love to hear from you! If you have questions, would like to arrange a visit, or need more information, please get in touch with our friendly school office:

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We welcome visits and are happy to show prospective families around our school — please contact us to arrange a convenient time.
